

**Brought To Speak
On Vocational High
Commencement Day**

Commencement exercises of the graduating class of Vocational High school will be held June 4, beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of Goodwyn institute. The opening address will be made by Gov. Charles H. Brough of Arkansas, who will also assist in awarding diplomas to graduating students.

It was announced by Prof. J. L. Hight, principal of Vocational High, that Miss Iris Perry, of the twelfth grade technical class, will deliver the valedictorian address. Miss Perry is the highest ranking student in her class and holds average grades of 94 per cent in all studies for the four years she has attended the school. The subject of her address will be "The Man and the Dollar."

Miss Louise Joeckel, valedictorian for the twelfth grade vocational class, is a close second to Miss Perry in the race for honors for first place in scholarship standing. She has an average of 90 per cent in class grades and is one of the most popular girls in the school. It may be said that both young women have attained stellar heights in their work as is shown by the high esteem in which they are held by their classmates and faculty.

The subject of Miss Joeckel's address will be "Have Faith in America."

Clifford Marmann has been chosen salutatorian of the graduating class and will speak on "Extending the Boundaries of Educational Opportunity." Young Marmann has also shown unusual ability in class work during his four years at Vocational High.

An address of welcome to parents and friends of the graduating class will be made by Misses Pledger, president of the technical class. Not too much credit can be given this young man as he also ranks among those with the highest marks in scholarship. During his four years at school he has held an average of 90 per cent in studies and is one of the most popular boys there.

**SCOTT AS VILLAIN
HAS NO SUPERIOR**

No operatic artist plays the villain as well as Antonio Scotti. He will appear in Memphis with his opera company on May 20-22 for four performances in the Lyric theater, and none other plays such a variety of genius. To grade these soundtracks in quality is difficult, but the refinement of Mr. Scotti's art gives each one a distinct character which differentiates him from the others. The various pictures rise before one as it were in a series of dissolving views on a screen.

The first picture is from the banks of the Tiber, the immortal city of Rome, and the sinister Baron Scarpia is seen, a cold-blooded, violently cruel man, who has the bearing and wears the clothes of an aristocrat, but who would rather the life of a man for the honor of a woman, a man who is never swept off his feet by passion but whose devilry is deliberately planned; a man of iron will, who has neither kind thoughts nor kind words for anybody, whose one idea is not to be thwarted in any scheme he devises.

He has no love for Tosca, does not pretend to have any; he is simply furious that she dares defy him and is determined on revenge. But he goes too far—he overreaches himself, and it is Tosca who revenges herself on him, and we see Scarpia lying dead on the floor with the candles at his head and the crucifix on his breast while Tosca glides snake-like from the room.

The lofty standard set by Mr. Scotti himself characterizes the entire company, for his personality dominates each performance whether he sings or not.

One of the delightful surprises in store for those who hear the company will be a young American contralto, Mary Kent, of Detroit. When she recently appeared in Boston and made a big hit the critic of the Sunday Post said of her:

"Then there was another discovery, that of Miss Mary Kent, a young contralto or mezzo with a gorgeous voice, with intelligence and a technique far beyond her experience. She is a singer who will become widely known and whose talent will be appreciated not only by the general public but by those who have a right to be critical about singing. The impression Miss Kent made was in every respect delightful." She will sing in all the operas to be given here except "Bohème."

**BAG COMPANY TO OPEN
NEW RECREATION HALL**

The American Bag company formally will open the new recreation hall and dining room to employees and friends Saturday night, with a ball for the younger employees and motion pictures for the older ones. The department just opened is located on the second floor. The dining room occupies a space 75 feet square and has a seating capacity of 250. Meals are served at cost. A commissary is run in connection with the dining room at which employees obtain groceries at cost. The recreation hall, which is used for dancing and gymnasium, is 40 x 75 feet and adjoins the dining room.

The plant also has well equipped dressing rooms with steel lockers and shower baths; an open-air playground with tennis courts, basketball courts and baseball diamond.

The company is composed of local men and officers are: D. P. Falls, president; B. L. Mallory, vice-president; Hill Bond, secretary and treasurer. A number of the employees are stockholders in the company as they are allowed to buy stock at par.

**STATE PROBES CLAIMS ON
NEGRO VICTIM OF BULLET**

Before letters of administration are granted to anyone to administer the estate of Lee Turner, negro, 17, fireman, killed Tuesday night by Patrolman R. J. Bryant, the claims of the state of Tennessee to about \$2,000 of Turner's \$20,000 estate will be investigated. Turner is supposed to have owed the state that amount on bonds in criminal court which he had signed for various people, and which were forfeited.

Judge F. M. Guthrie Wednesday refused letters of administration to J. D. Martin, negro physician, who sought appointment as administrator on the ground that he held a \$1,000 check of Turner's and therefore was the largest creditor of the estate.

BURY CONDUCTOR.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the undertaking parlors of McQuinn & Monteverde for Marshal Neil Harsho for a series of years member of the Memphis Division of Radio way conductors. Harsho died Tuesday night of heart failure. He was 57 years of age, leaves a wife and two daughters and a brother. Burial was in Forest Hill.

MRS. HEDIKER BURIED.

Friends and their last respects Thursday to Mrs. Jennie H. Hediker, wife of Henry Hediker, at the funeral held at the residence 728, Chicago avenue. Burial was in Elmwood. Mrs. Hediker died Tuesday night. She was 64 years of age and is survived by two children, Harry J. Hediker and Mrs. E. J. Osburn.

**Mayor Wears
\$35,000 Smile**

Mayor Rowlett Paine had a \$35,000 smile Thursday. He exhibited it when a casual visitor to his office mentioned the possibility that the money market would lighten up and interest rates drop higher.

"Why the laugh, Mr. Mayor?" asked the visitor.

"I smile to think how the city of Memphis is situated in just such an event," Mayor Paine replied. "We have an advantageous contract with the Union and Planters Bank and Trust company. We will borrow about a million and a half dollars this coming year, and our contract gets it for us at only 2.50 per cent."

Then the mayor pointed out that interest rates went to 6 per cent, the saving to the city under the contract in interest on the big sum would be more than \$25,000.

**KING CALLS MEETING
OF MERCHANTS' BODY**

W. R. King, chairman of executive committee of the Cotton States Mercantile association, has announced that a meeting of the executive committee will be held Friday at noon on the second floor, Chamber of Commerce building.

Plans for the coming annual convention of the association to be held in Memphis the latter part of August, will be discussed, and definite date will be set for the event. According to reports from last year's convention, 2,700 delegates were present, and it is hoped that the 1920 session will eclipse that of 1919.

STUDENT IS DROWNED.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 12. (Sp.)—The body of Oscar Vaughn, Little Rock college student, who attempted

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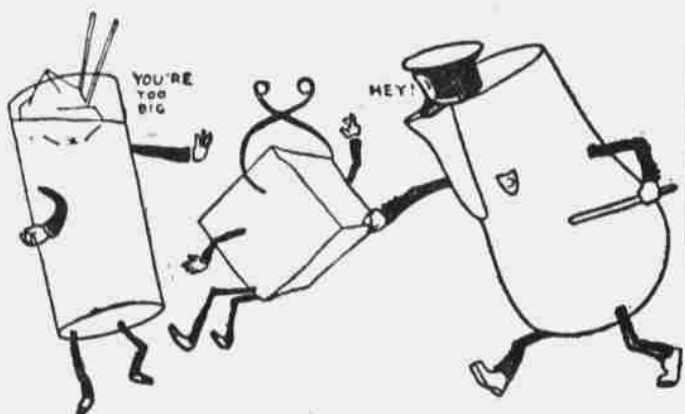
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**Notice to
Delinquent Taxpayers**

**1919 State and County Taxes Became
Delinquent on March 1, 1920**

Under the law, penalties for the month of March were six and one-half per cent on the original amount of the taxes past due.

On April first the penalties increased to eight per cent and on May first they became nine and one-half per cent, as provided by law.

During the month, about May 17th, all property upon which 1919 state and county taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale and on June first all such property upon which taxes have not been paid will be sold to the state, in accordance with the law. This will entail an additional expense of one dollar on each tax bill, to cover the cost of such advertising.

Taxpayers are hereby notified of these increasing penalties, the application of which is made mandatory by the tax laws of the State of Tennessee.

E. H. CRUMP

County Trustee.

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